

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003, claims 1-8, 12-15, 19-23, 25, 27-30, 32, 34-37, 39, and 41-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Straub et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,216,141), and claims 9, 10, 11, 16-18, 24, 31, and 38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Straub in view of Nawaz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,959,621). The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

In the Summary page of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the claim for the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. 119, but does not indicate whether the certified copy of the priority document has been received. The Examiner is again respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of same.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-43 are pending in the present application. The specification, Figure 2, and Claims 1, 12-20, 23, 30-32, 34, 35, 37-39, 41 and 42 are amended by the present amendment. No new matter is presented.

Claims 14-18, 20, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, and 42 are amended for clarification, unrelated to patentability.

Straub discusses a system and method for integrating a document into a desktop window on a client computer. More particularly, Straub discloses in column 8, lines 25-44 "The viewer 140 is a hypertext document viewer used to display hypertext documents provided from the Internet, such as HTML pages. The invention may alternatively be embodied for displaying documents from public or private computer networks, such as a computer network of a commercial on-line service or an internal corporate local area network (LAN), an Intranet or like computer network. The illustrated document 142 (referred to as a "teaser") includes a graphical image 152 of an airplane and a text headline 154 indicating that airline ticket prices have been reduced. The teaser provides only a portion of information available from a content provider and is designed to entice a user to click on the teaser so that more information relating to the teaser is displayed. The viewer 140 sequences through different teasers, displaying one at a time for a predetermined period of time and then displaying the next teaser in the sequence. As will be further described below, a user can customize the teasers displayed in the viewer."

Moreover, Straub, Figure 1, shows a high-speed main memory 40. The memory 40 is

described in column 5, lines 13 to 26 and column 11, lines 17 to 28 of Straub.

Column 8, lines 39 to 41 of Straub et al. discloses that “viewer 140 sequences through different teasers, displaying one at a time for a predetermined period of time and then displaying the next teaser in the sequence”.

Nawaz '621 discloses a system and method for displaying data items in a ticker display pane on a client computer, in which data items are retrieved from a source computer. Nawaz discusses at col. 3, lines 52-56 that selecting the ticker display pane retrieved data items including a hyperlink from a source computer.

The combination of Straub and Nawaz is a system and method for integrating a document into a desktop window on a client computer, and for displaying data items in a ticker display pane on a client computer. When a user selects the ticker display pane, a hyperlink is retrieved from a source computer.

In contrast, in the present application, image data is displayed in a moving display area. Image data selected from the moving display area is displayed on a stationary display area separate from the moving display area. As an advantage, a user can easily read important items displayed on the moving display area when the items are displayed in the stationary display area.

I. Rejections under 35 USC § 102

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-8, 12-15, 19-23, 25, 27-30, 32, 34-37, 39 and 41-43 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as unpatentable over US patent number 6,216,141 to Straub. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claims 1 and 23 recite “displaying the image data on a moving display area,” and “a user selects the image data from the moving display area and the display means displays the selected image data on a stationary display area separate from the moving display area,” support for which is found in the originally filed specification at least at page 7, lines 3-11.

In addition, amended independent claims 12, 19, 30 and 37 similarly recite “displaying the image data on a moving display area,” “selecting by a user the image data from the moving display area,” and “displaying the selected image data on a stationary display area separate from the moving display area.”

In contrast, Straub in FIG. 1 only shows a main memory 40. However, Straub does not discuss or suggest “storing the source data and the image data in a manner of relating these pieces of data to each other,” as in independent claim 1, for example. The main memory 40 in FIG. 1 of Straub is only discussed as a “high-speed main memory” at col. 5, lines 14-25, but Straub does not discuss the contents of the memory, nor of relating a source data and image data, as in amended independent claim 1 for example.

Moreover, Straub in FIG. 5 and at col 8, lines 35-44 only discusses HTML pages containing a “teaser” 142 including a graphical image 152 and a text headline 154. However, in Straub the graphical image 152 and text headline 154 are both stationary and do not move, which is different from a user selecting “image data from the moving display area,” as in the amended independent claims. Further, Straub only discusses at col. 8, line 58 to col. 9, line 46 selecting stationary items such as buttons, which do not move, and does not discuss or suggest “displaying the image data on a moving display area,” as in the amended independent claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted amended independent claims 1, 12, 19, 23, 30 and 37 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Straub.

II. Rejections under 35 USC § 103

Claims 9-11, 16-18, 24, 31 and 38 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Straub in view of US patent number 5,959,621 to Nawaz. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

As discussed, the amended independent claims are believed to patentably distinguish over Straub. Further, as acknowledged at page 9, second paragraph of the outstanding Office Action, Straub does not discuss displaying in movement plural pieces of image data corresponding to respective pieces of source data in predetermined areas.

In contrast to the pending claims, the combination of Straub and Nawaz only discusses following a hyperlink when a ticker display pane is clicked. However, the combination of Straub and Nawaz does not discuss or suggest displaying “the selected image data on a stationary display area separate from the moving display area,” as in the amended independent claims. Rather, the combination of Straub and Nawaz only discusses a hyperlink retrieved from a source computer, but does not discuss displaying selected image data from a moving display area in a stationary display area.

In further contrast, Nawaz only discusses at column 8, lines 14-24 that “a first set of data items is displayed all at once for the full width of the display area and then a second set is displayed all at once on the display overriding the first set...” Nawaz does not discuss or suggest displaying “selected image data on a stationary display area separate from the moving display area,” as in the amended independent claims. Rather, Nawaz only discusses that first and second sets of data are displayed on *overlapping* areas, which is different from a stationary display area that is separate from a moving display area, as in the amended independent claims.

Moreover, Nawaz at column 9, lines 9-25 only discusses that “data displayed in the viewer can relate to different topics of information...” and that selecting a data item may provide more information about the data item. However, Nawaz does not discuss or suggest at least a stationary display area that is separate from a moving display area, as in the independent claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted claims 9-11, 16-18, 24, 31 and 38 further patentably distinguish over Straub and Nawaz.

III. Amendments to the Drawings and Specification

In addition, FIG. 2 and the specification are amended only to correct minor informalities. No new matter is added.

IV. Conclusion


Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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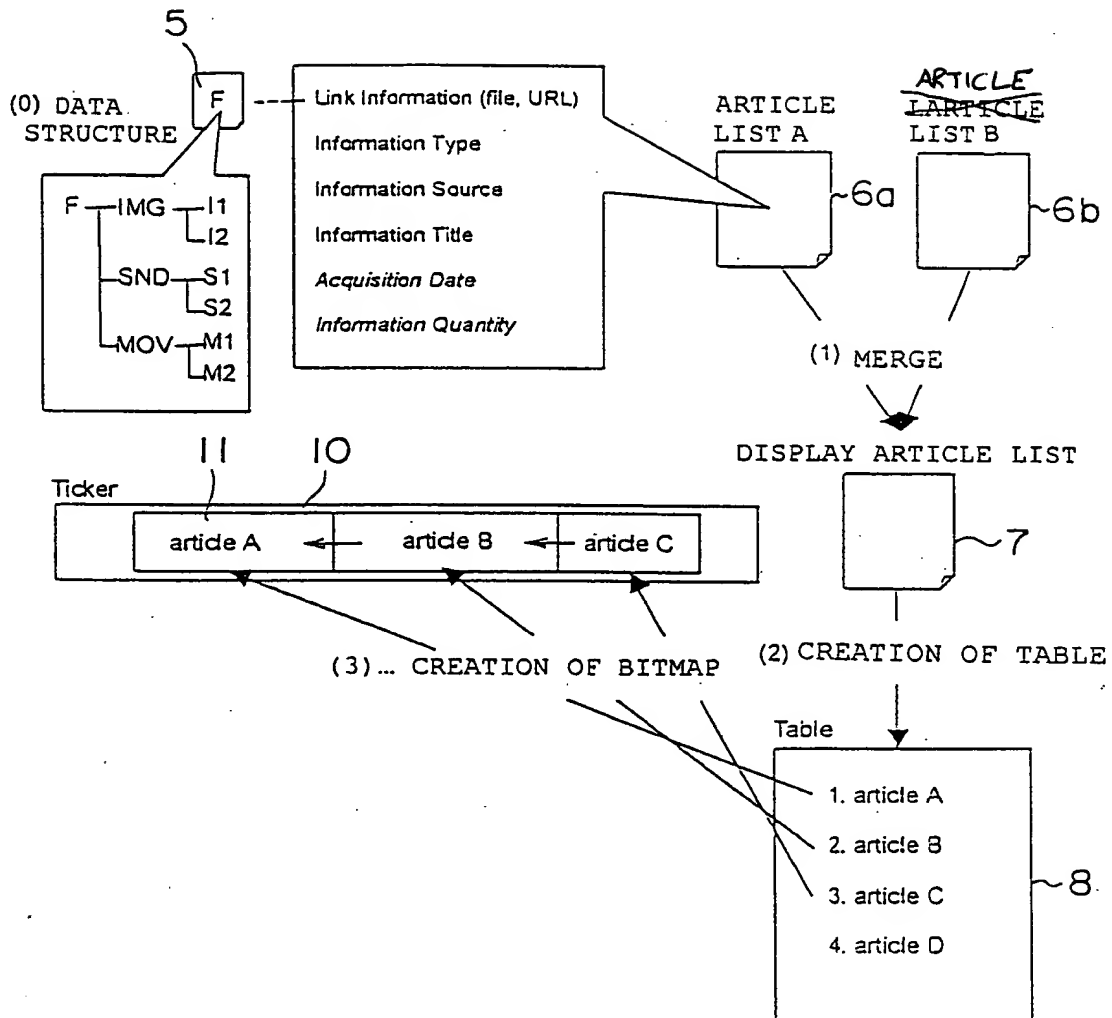


FIG. 2